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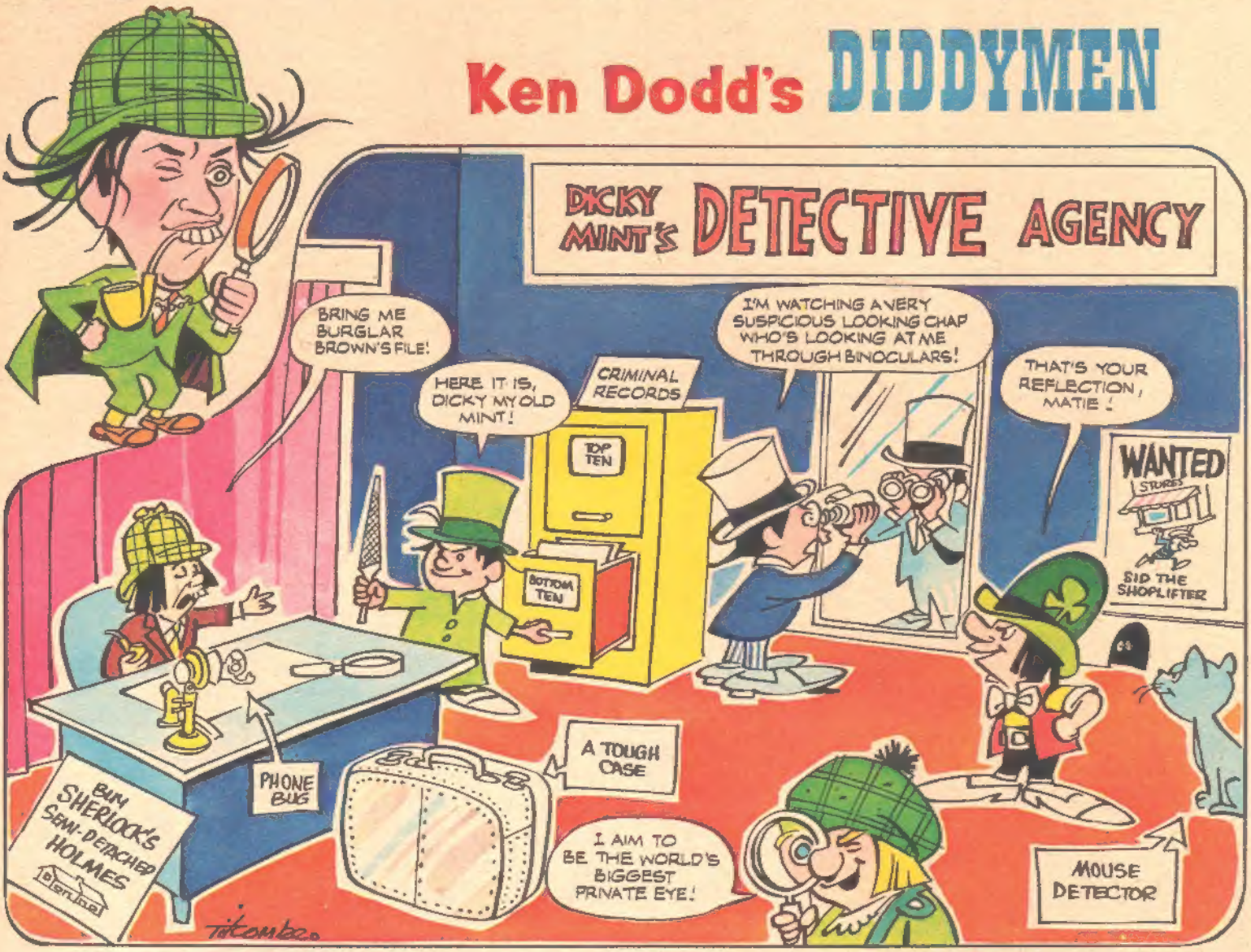
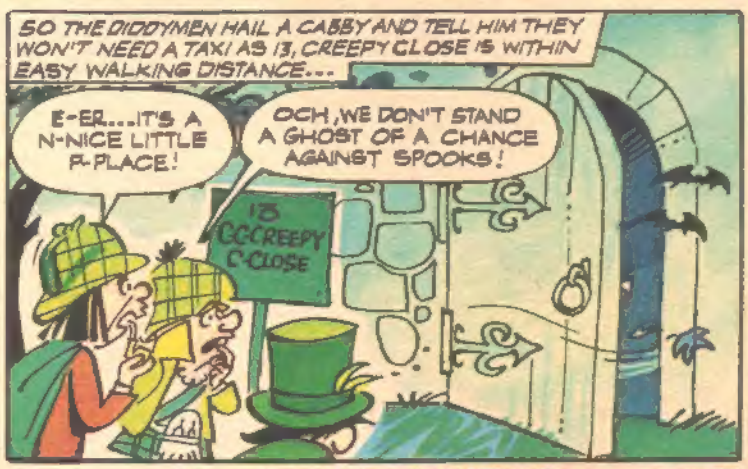
Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


DICKY MINT'S DETECTIVE AGENCY
BRING ME BURGLAR BROWN'S FILE!
HERE IT IS, DICKY MY OLD MINT!
CRIMINAL RECORDS
TOP TEN
BOTTOM TEN
I'M WATCHING A VERY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHAP WHO'S LOOKING AT ME THROUGH BINOCULARS!
THAT'S YOUR REFLECTION, MATIE!
WANTED
SID THE SHOPLIFTER
PHONE BUG
BUM SHERLOCK'S SEMI-DETACHED HOLMES
A TOUGH CASE
I AIM TO BE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PRIVATE EYE!
MOUSE DETECTOR
TITCOMBE


SO THE DIDDYMEN HAIL A CABBY AND TELL HIM THEY WON'T NEED A TAXI AS 13, CREEPY CLOSE IS WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE...
E-ER...IT'S A N-NICE LITTLE P-PLACE!
OCH, WE DON'T STAND A GHOST OF A CHANCE AGAINST SPOOKS!
13 CCCREEPY C-CLOSE

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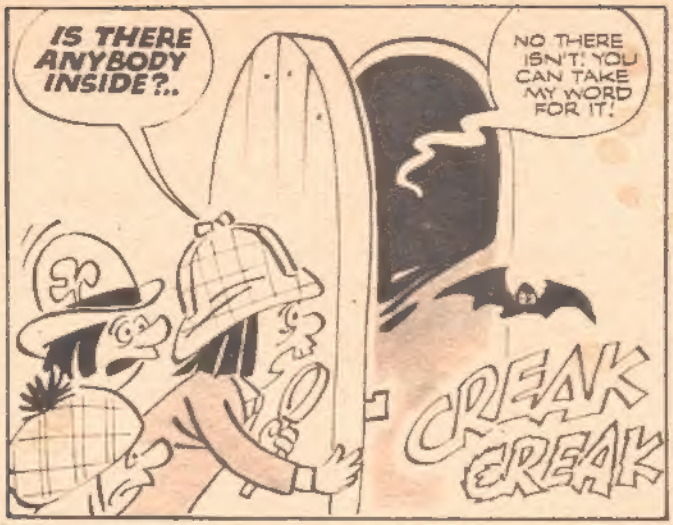
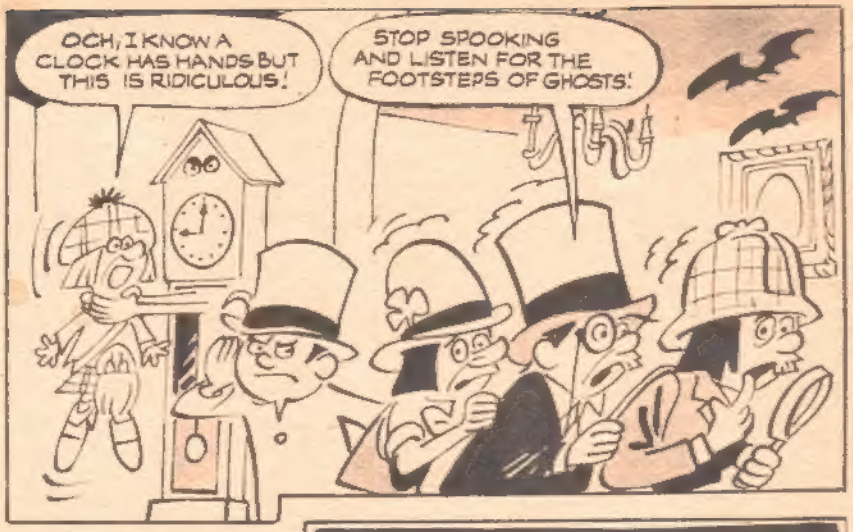
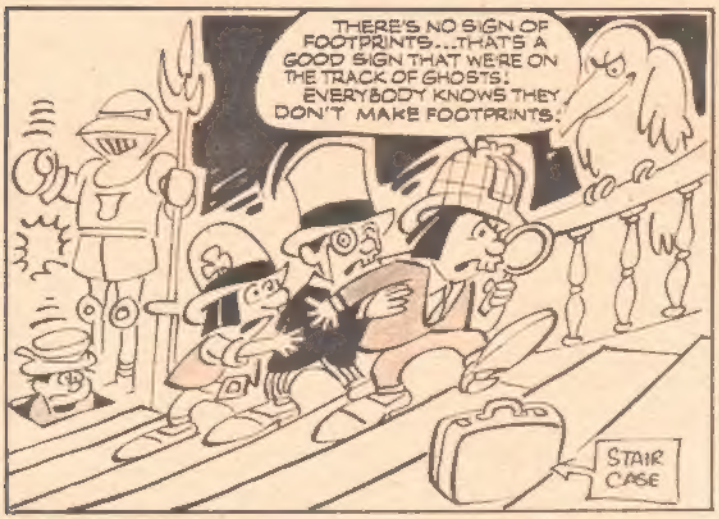
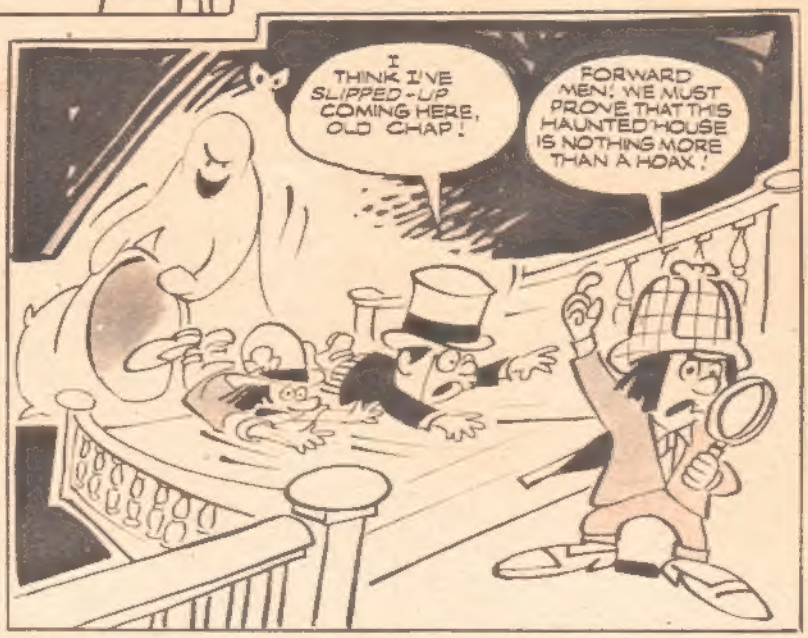
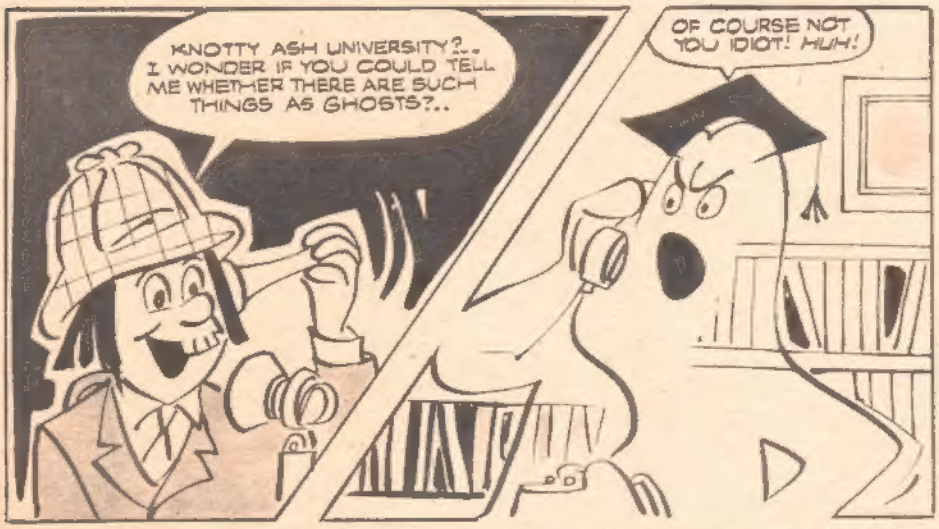





THERE'S NO SIGN OF FOOTPRINTS...THAT'S A GOOD SIGN THAT WE'RE ON THE TRACK OF GHOSTS! EVERYBODY KNOWS THEY DON'T MAKE FOOTPRINTS!
STAIR CASE



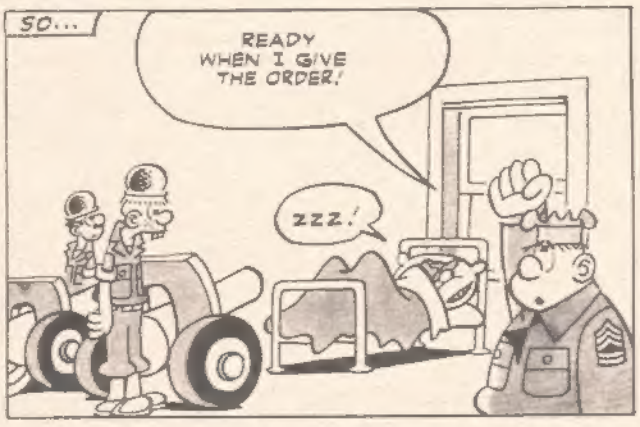
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE LADS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY GHOSTS! I'LL PHONE KNOTTY ASH UNIVERSITY AND ASK IF THERE ARE SUCH THINGS AS GHOSTS...

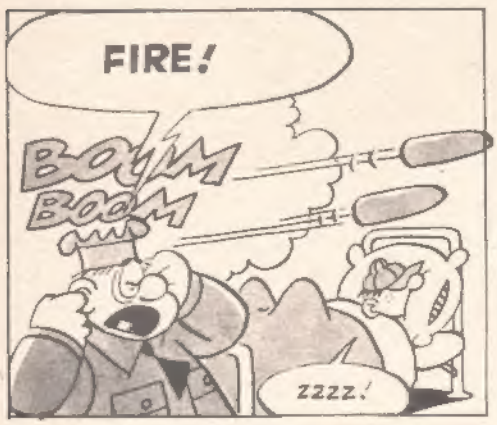


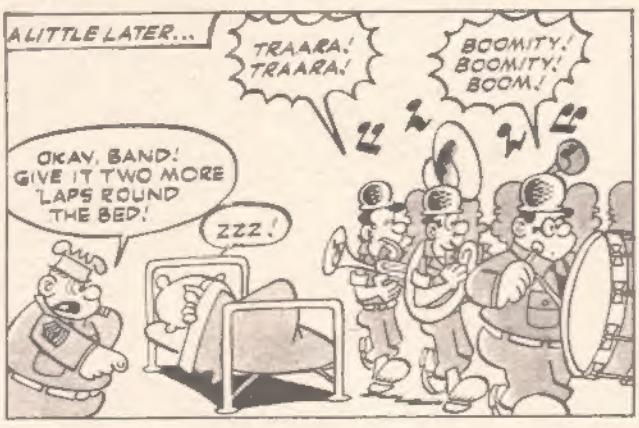
...AS GHOSTS DON'T EXIST THIS HOUSE CAN'T BE HAUNTED AND THE CASE IS CLOSED! THE LADS PROBABLY SLIPPED OFF FOR THEIR TEA-BREAK! HE! HE!

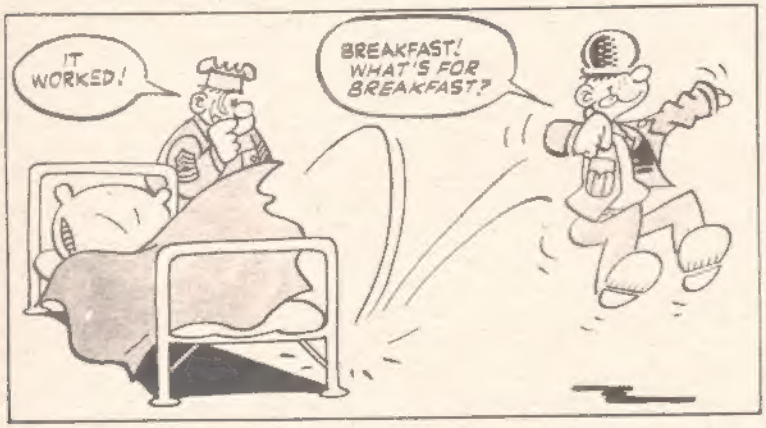
Weight-lifting fun with the Diddymen, in Jim's Nasium next week!

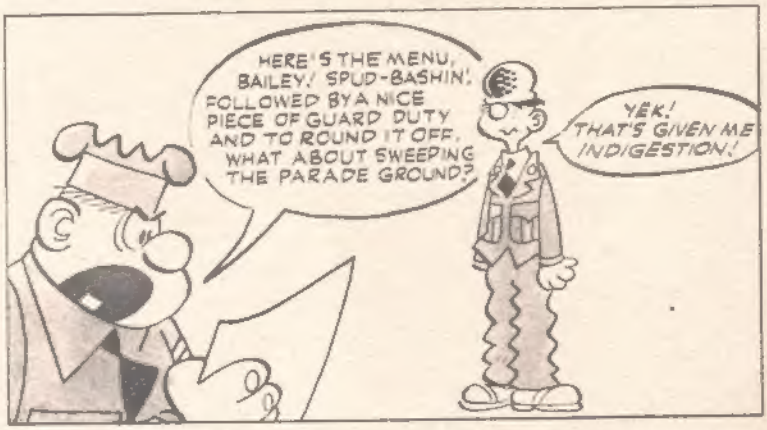
BEETLE BAILEY










HERE'S THE MENU, BAILEY! SPUD-BASHIN', FOLLOWED BY A NICE PIECE OF GUARD DUTY AND TO ROUND IT OFF, WHAT ABOUT SWEEPING THE PARADE GROUND?
YEK! THAT'S GIVEN ME INDIGESTION!

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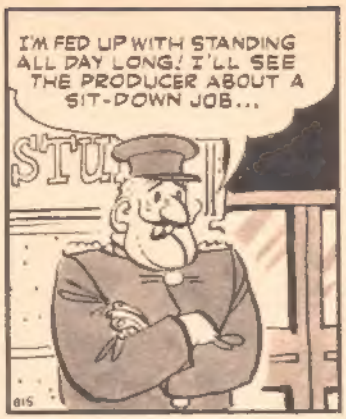
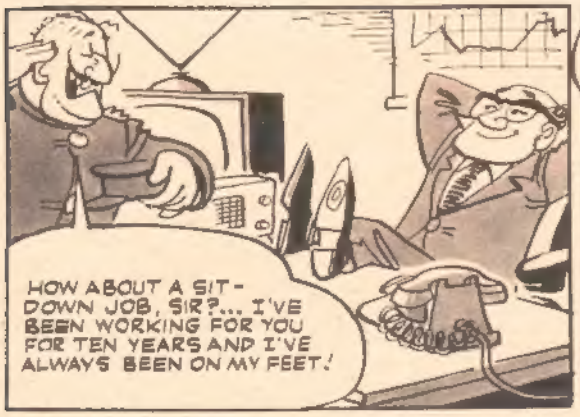
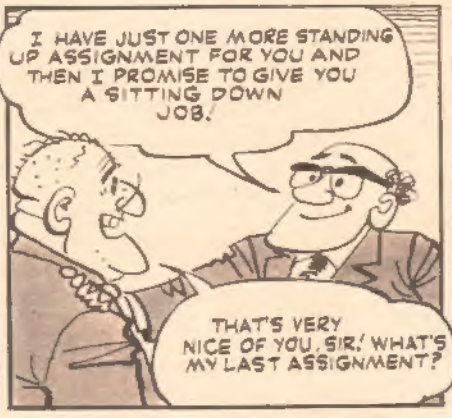
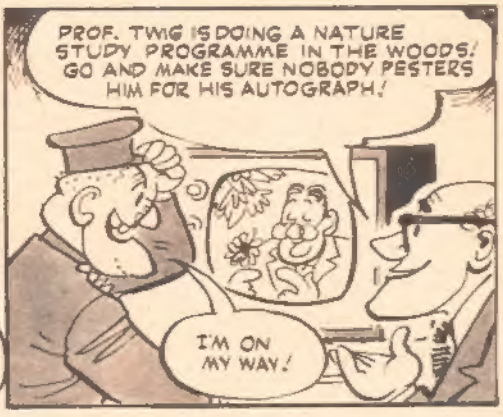
Bailey attacks Camp Swampy with rockets next week . . . Don't miss the fun!

TV TERRORS

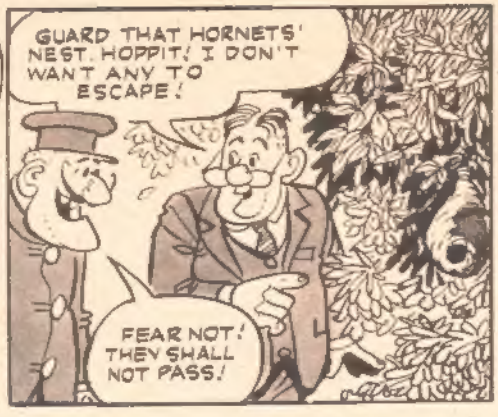


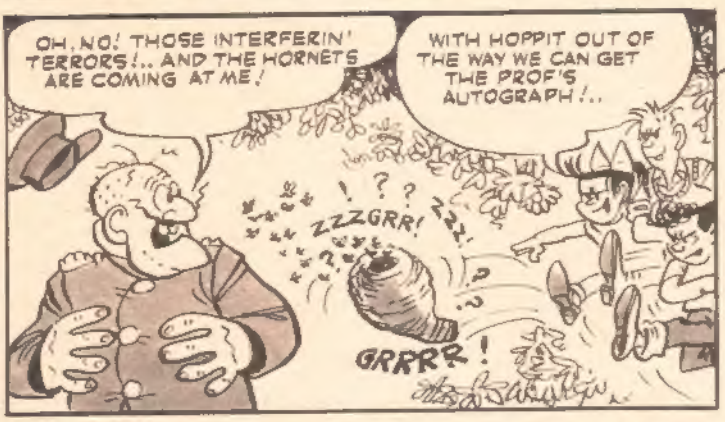


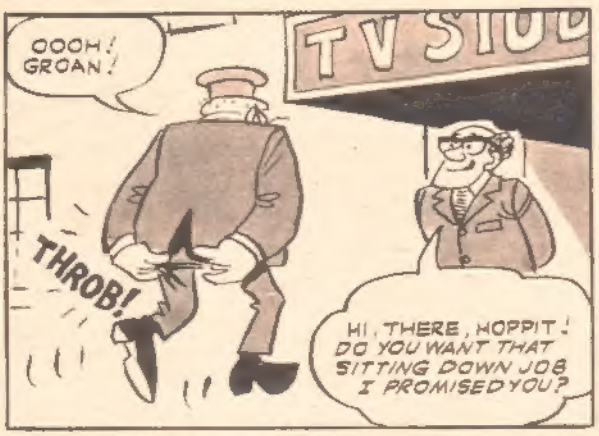

I HAVE JUST ONE MORE STANDING UP ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU AND THEN I PROMISE TO GIVE YOU A SITTING DOWN JOB!
THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU, SIR! WHAT'S MY LAST ASSIGNMENT?



A LITTLE LATER IN THE WOODS...
I'M AT YOUR SERVICE, PROF! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GUARD?
HOPPIT! WE'LL HAVE TO FIX HIM BEFORE WE CAN GET THE PROF'S AUTOGRAPH!

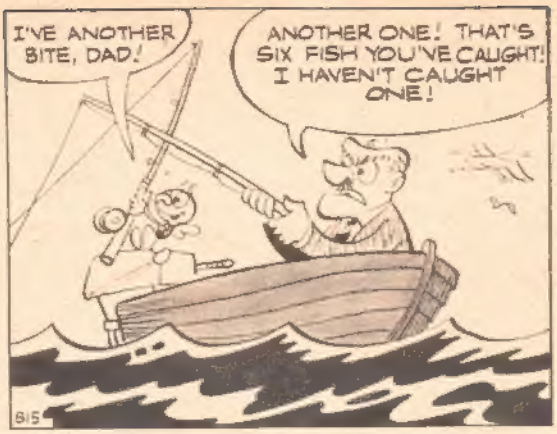


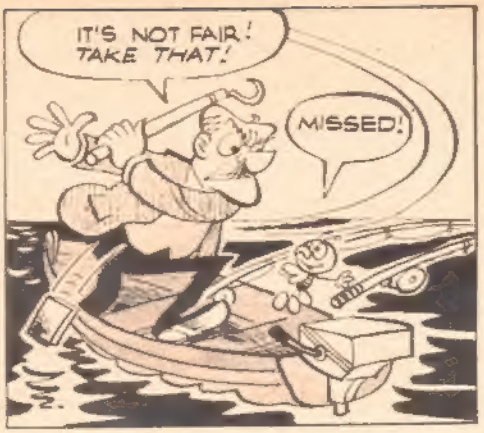

OH, NO! THOSE INTERFERIN' TERRORS!.. AND THE HORNETS ARE COMING AT ME!
WITH HOPPIT OUT OF THE WAY WE CAN GET THE PROF'S AUTOGRAPH!..
ZZZGRR!
GRRRR!

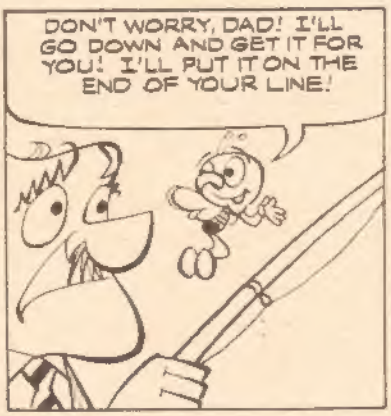


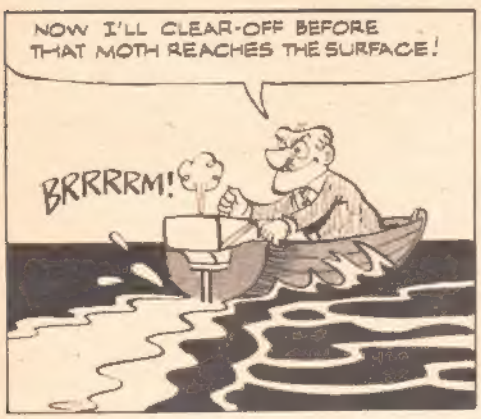
Hoppit's dad was once a great doorman . . . as you'll see next week!

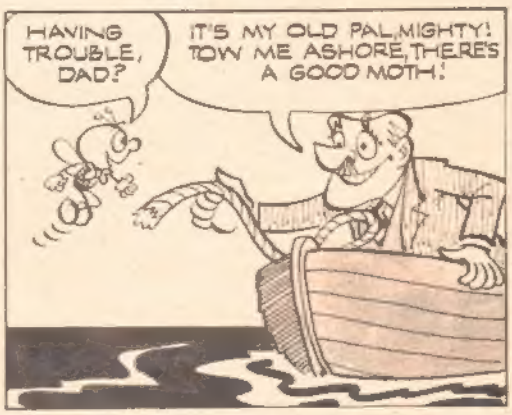
MIGHTY MOTH

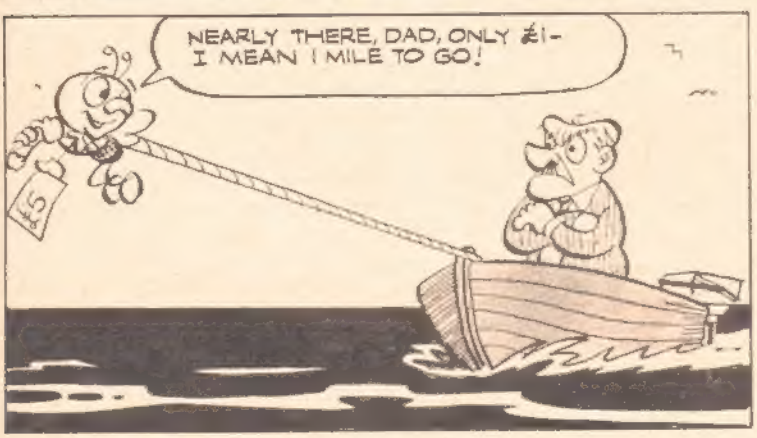


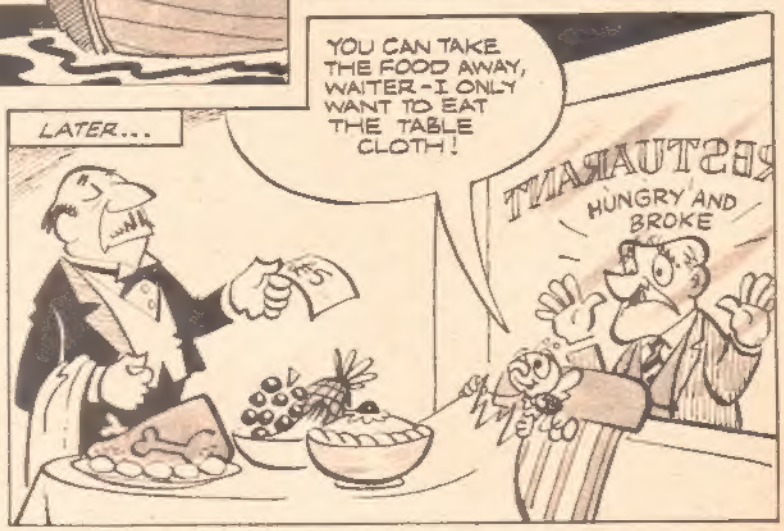












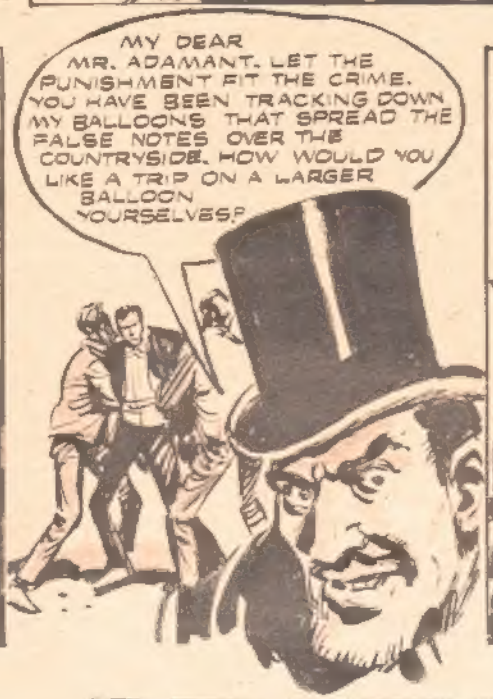
Mechanical mirth with Mighty Moth and a robot next week!

ADAM ADAMANT

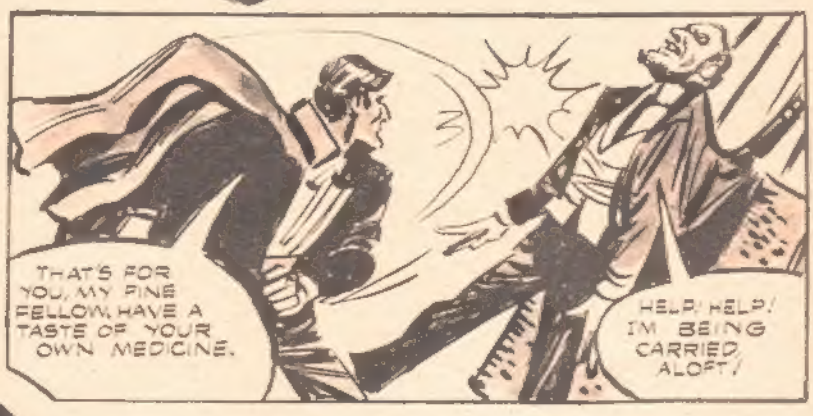
ADAM and his young friend, George, have been following the crooks who work for Baron Grimm, who is trying to flood Britain with false money. They climb into the crooks' van hoping it will take them to the Baron's hideout . . .

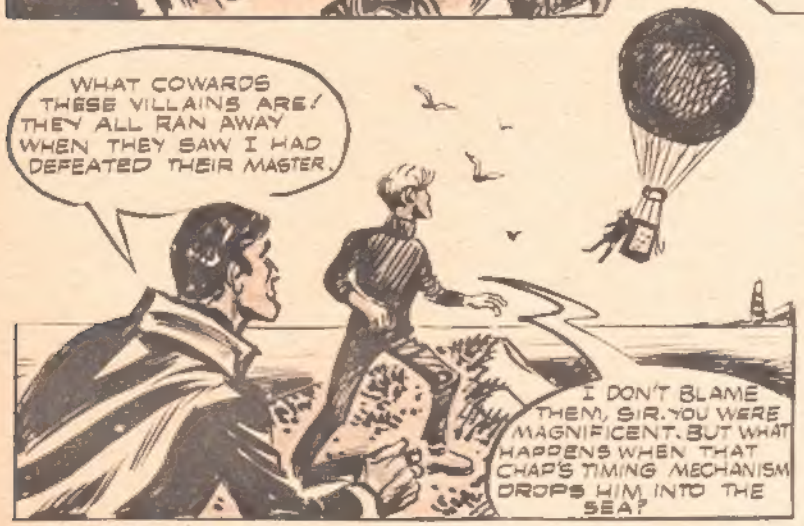
WE ARE LUCKY, YOUNG MAN. THOSE VILLAINS ARE TOO BUSY ENJOYING THEIR SMOKE TO NOTICE US!
AND THEY WILL TAKE US UNKNOWINGLY TO THE CHIEF MAN?

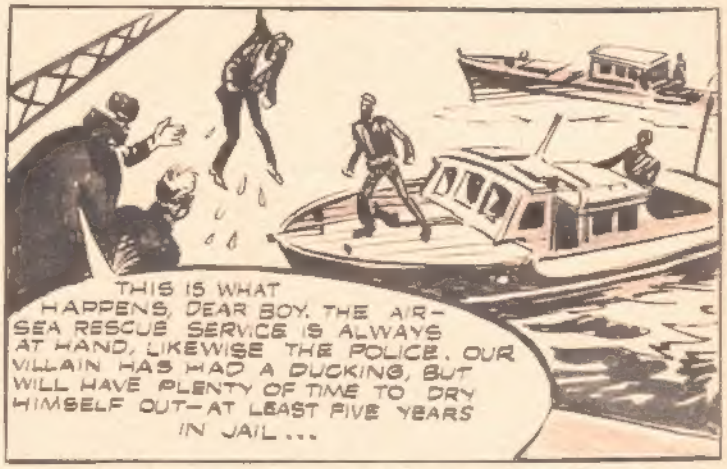
BUT GEORGE IS MISTAKEN, FOR THE CROOKS HAVE SEEN THEM CLIMB INTO THE VAN...
MY DEAR FRIENDS! YOU THOUGHT TO TRAP ME BUT I HAVE TRAPPED YOU INSTEAD.
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH US?


MY DEAR MR. ADAMANT. LET THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN TRACKING DOWN MY BALLOONS THAT SPREAD THE FALSE NOTES OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A TRIP ON A LARGER BALLOON YOURSELVES?

YOU'RE GOING FOR A TRIP OVER THE NORTH SEA, GUV! AND THE BARON'S TIMING MECHANISM WILL DROP YOU RIGHT IN THE DRINK. YOU WON'T SWIM ASHORE LIKE YOU DID FROM THAT CHALK PIT.




WHAT COWARDS THESE VILLAINS ARE! THEY ALL RAN AWAY WHEN THEY SAW I HAD DEFEATED THEIR MASTER.
I DON'T BLAME THEM, SIR. YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT. BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THAT CHAP'S TIMING MECHANISM DROPS HIM INTO THE SEA?


THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS, DEAR BOY. THE AIR-SEA RESCUE SERVICE IS ALWAYS AT HAND, LIKEWISE THE POLICE. OUR VILLAIN HAS HAD A DUCKING, BUT WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO DRY HIMSELF OUT—AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IN JAIL...

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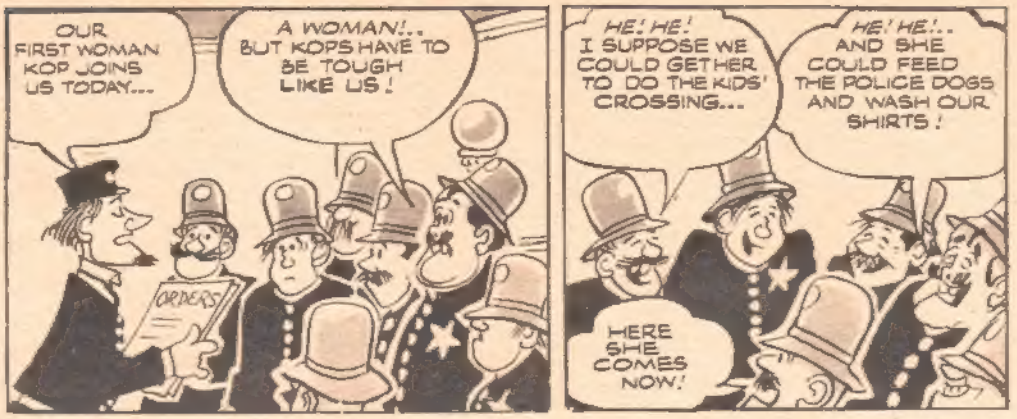
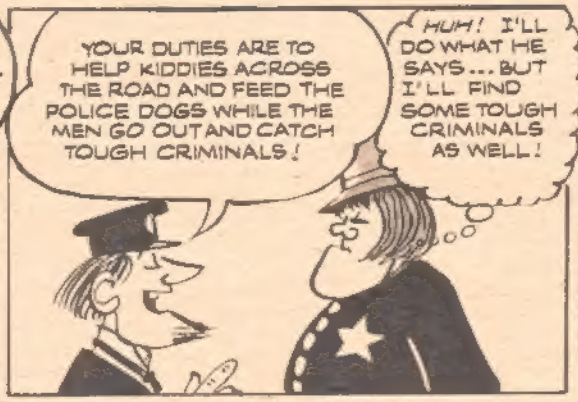
A great new adventure starts next week: The Crazy Toymaker!

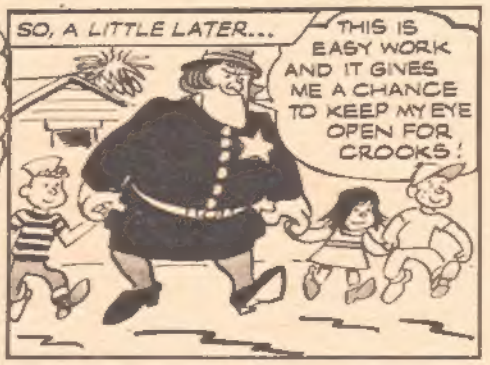
Bob Monkhouse's MAD MOVIES

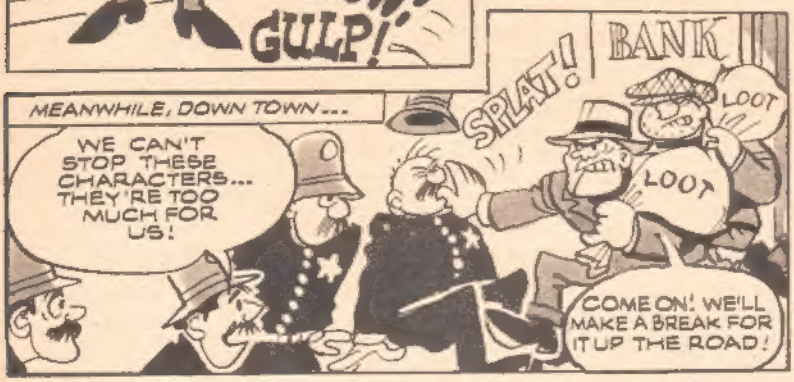
featuring

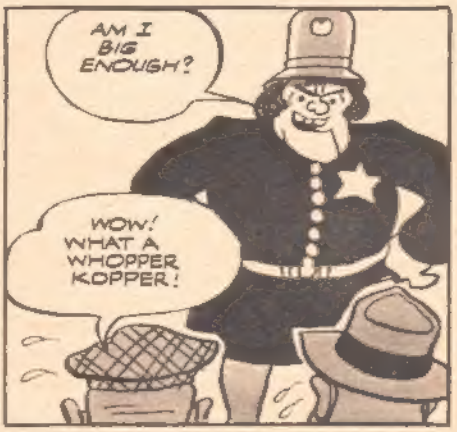
The Keystone Kops

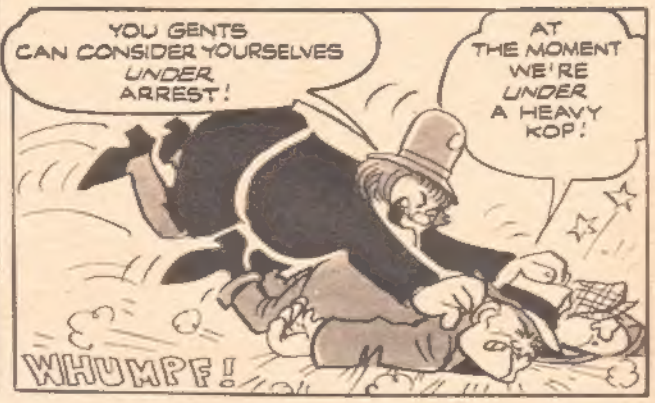

OUR FIRST WOMAN KOP JOINS US TODAY...
A WOMAN!.. BUT KOPS HAVE TO BE TOUGH LIKE US!
ORDERS
HE! HE! I SUPPOSE WE COULD GET HER TO DO THE KIDS' CROSSING...
HE! HE!.. AND SHE COULD FEED THE POLICE DOGS AND WASH OUR SHIRTS!
HERE SHE COMES NOW!

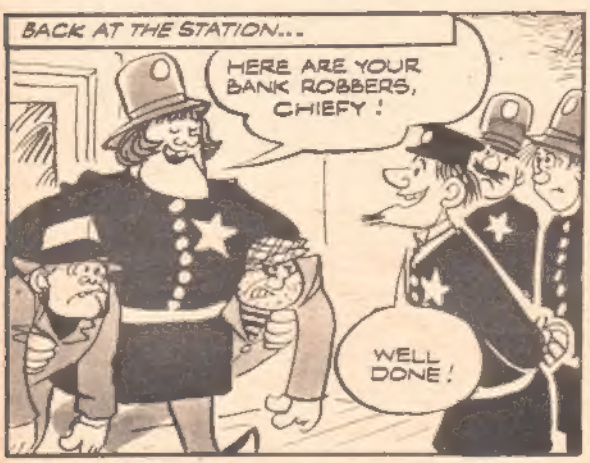

YOUR DUTIES ARE TO HELP KIDDIES ACROSS THE ROAD AND FEED THE POLICE DOGS WHILE THE MEN GO OUT AND CATCH TOUGH CRIMINALS!
HUH! I'LL DO WHAT HE SAYS... BUT I'LL FIND SOME TOUGH CRIMINALS AS WELL!

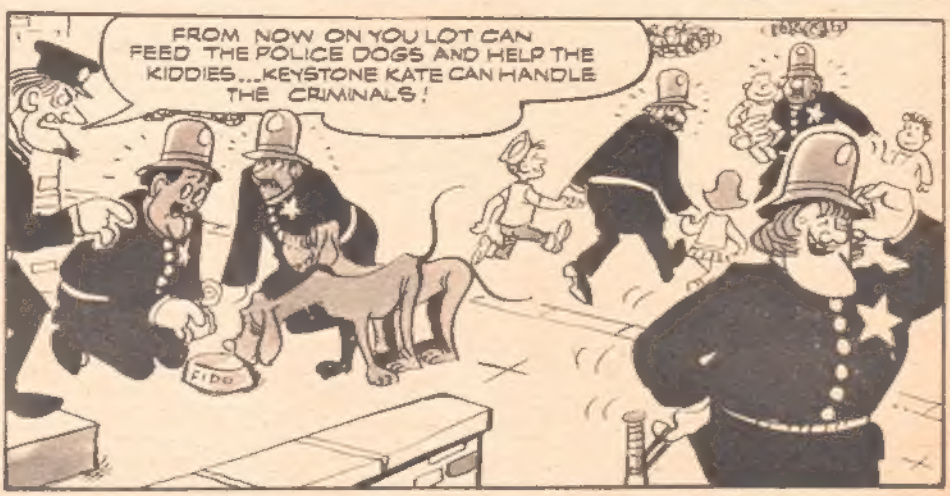



MEANWHILE, DOWN TOWN...
WE CAN'T STOP THESE CHARACTERS... THEY'RE TOO MUCH FOR US!
SPLAT!
BANK
LOOT
LOOT
COME ON! WE'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR IT UP THE ROAD!









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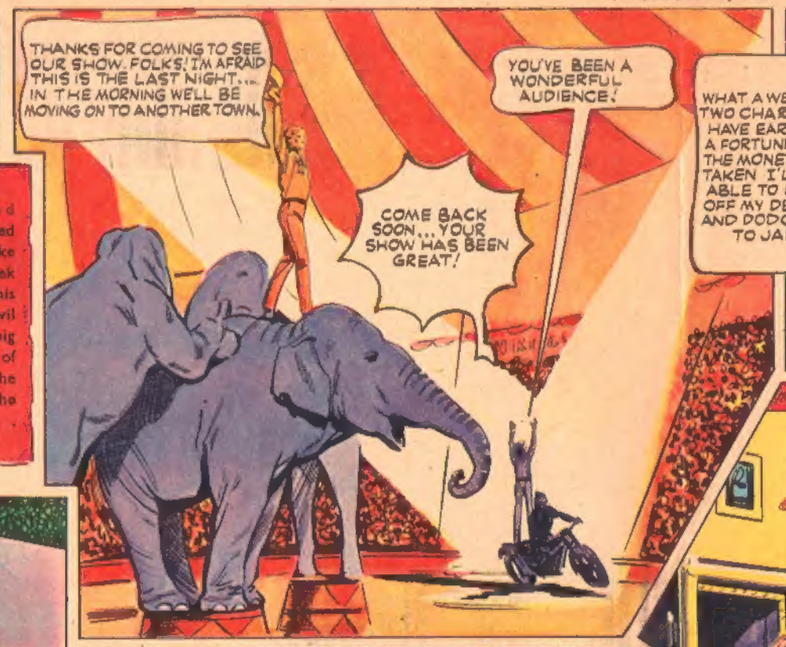
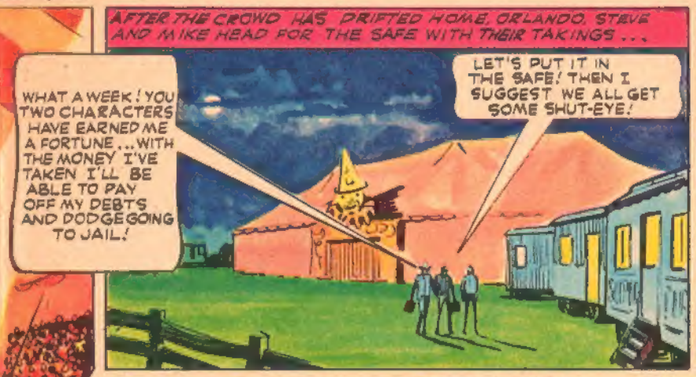
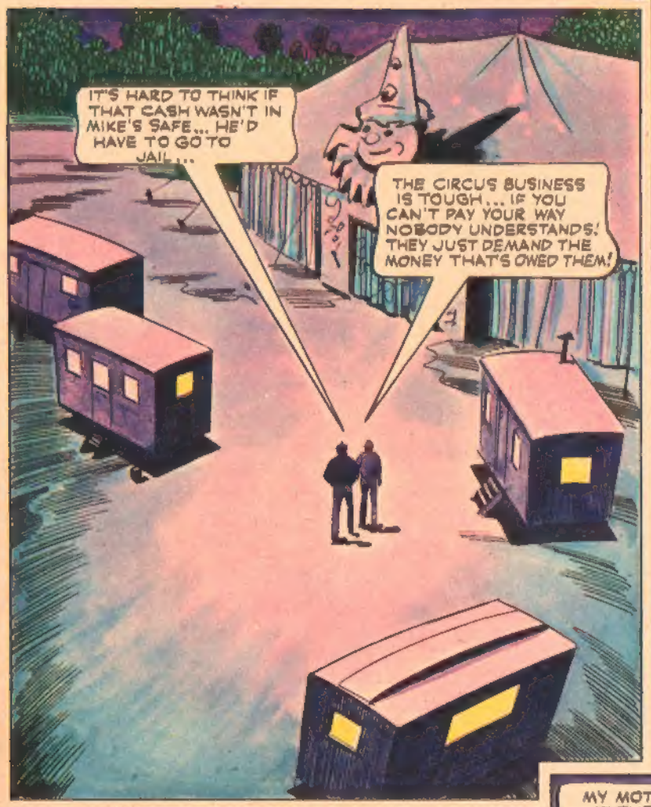
Don't miss the krook drawn kop kart, knext week!

ORLANDO

ORLANDO and Steve have joined the circus of Big Mike Walters for one week to help him pay off his debts. Their dare-devil acts have attracted big money but a gang of crooks plan to steal the week's takings after the last performance . . .

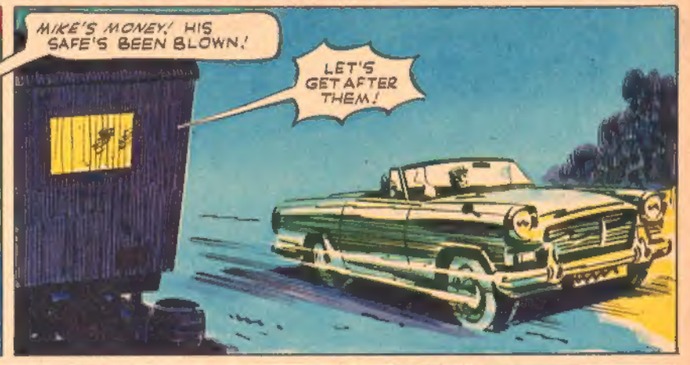

THANKS FOR COMING TO SEE OUR SHOW, FOLKS! I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE LAST NIGHT... IN THE MORNING WE'LL BE MOVING ON TO ANOTHER TOWN.
YOU'VE BEEN A WONDERFUL AUDIENCE!
COME BACK SOON... YOUR SHOW HAS BEEN GREAT!

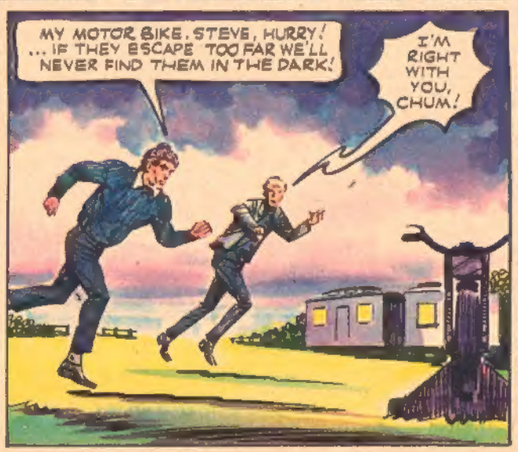

AFTER THE CROWD HAS DRIFTED HOME, ORLANDO, STEVE AND MIKE HEAD FOR THE SAFE WITH THEIR TAKINGS . . .
WHAT A WEEK! YOU TWO CHARACTERS HAVE EARNED ME A FORTUNE... WITH THE MONEY I'VE TAKEN I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF MY DEBTS AND DODGE GOING TO JAIL!
LET'S PUT IT IN THE SAFE! THEN I SUGGEST WE ALL GET SOME SHUT-EYE!

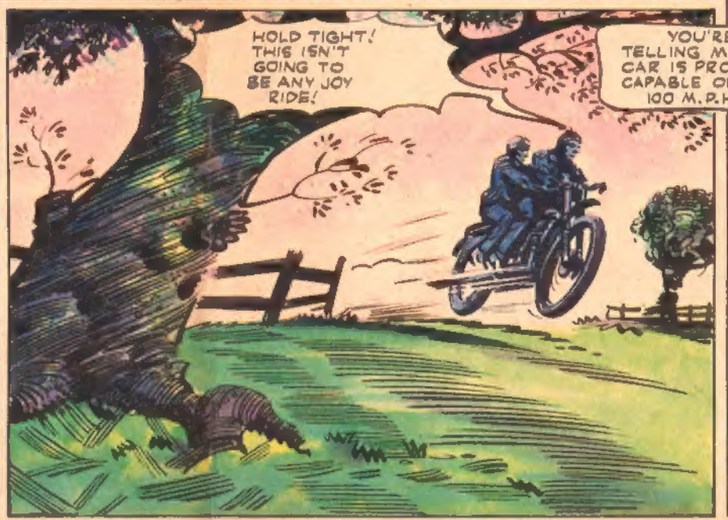

IT'S HARD TO THINK IF THAT CASH WASN'T IN MIKE'S SAFE... HE'D HAVE TO GO TO JAIL...
THE CIRCUS BUSINESS IS TOUGH... IF YOU CAN'T PAY YOUR WAY NOBODY UNDERSTANDS! THEY JUST DEMAND THE MONEY THAT'S OWED THEM!

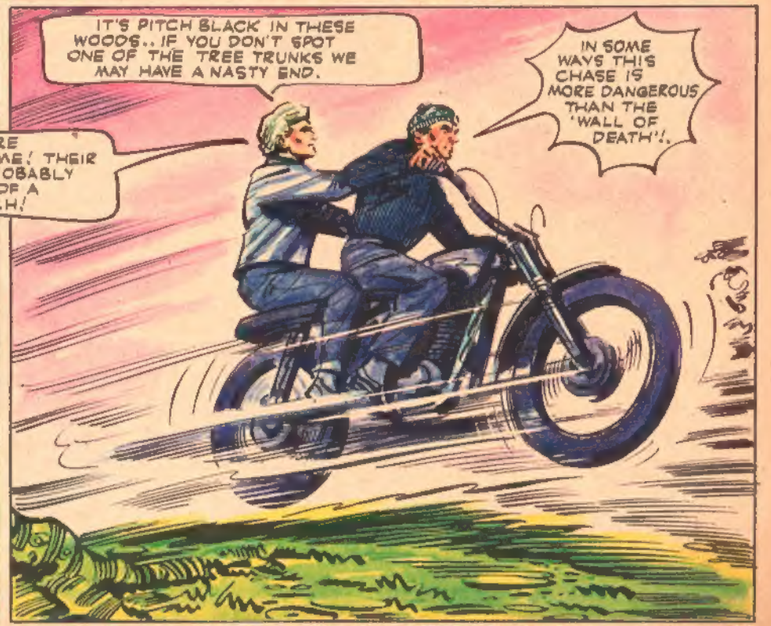
INSIDE THE CARAVAN...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU BOTH. MY CIRCUS WOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN THIS KIND OF MONEY WITHOUT YOUR ACTS.
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REMAIN A FREE MAN, MIKE!
CASH

A FEW MINUTES LATER, A MUFFLED EXPLOSION WAKES ORLANDO...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'D SWEAR I HEARD SOME SORT OF EXPLOSION... IT SOUNDED AS THOUGH SOMEBODY WAS TRYING TO KEEP IT QUIET!








IT'S PITCH BLACK IN THESE WOODS.. IF YOU DON'T SPOT ONE OF THE TREE TRUNKS WE MAY HAVE A NASTY END.
IN SOME WAYS THIS CHASE IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE 'WALL OF DEATH'!.

Based on the Rediffusion network production

Don't miss the dramatic chase through darkness next week!

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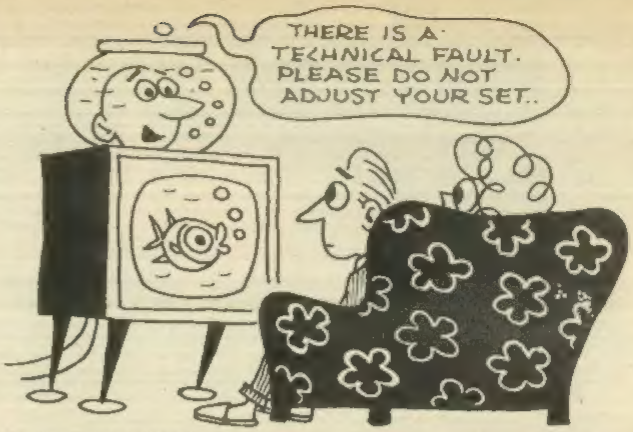

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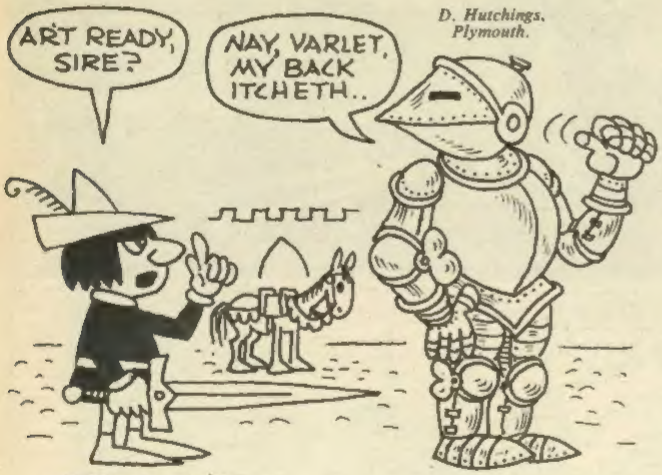

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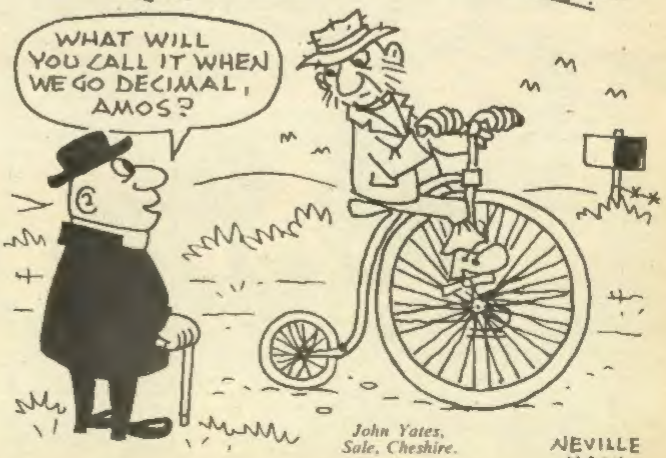

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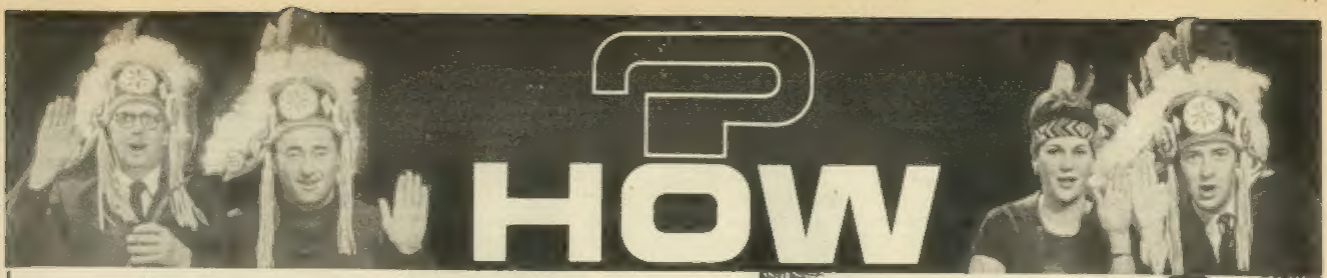
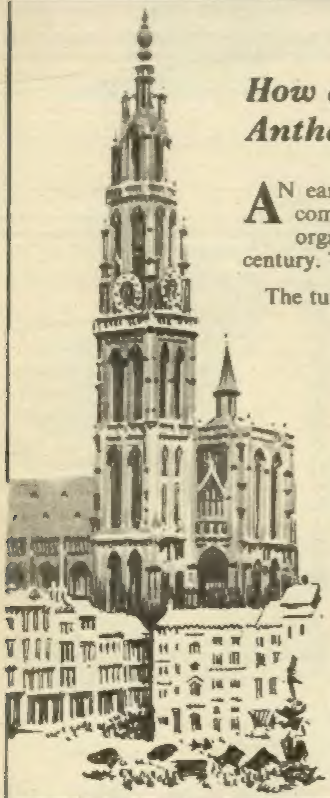


How did the National Anthem come into being?



AN early form of the anthem appears in a composition by Dr. John Bull, who was an organist of Antwerp Cathedral in the 17th century. The cathedral is shown here.

The tune is at least as old as 1620, but it may well have been an adaptation of an even older traditional air. Some claim the verse beginning "Send her victorious" is of Jacobean origin.

The British were the first to adopt a national anthem. Other countries followed suit through the 18th century. At the time of William IV in 1830, the words were changed to "God save our gracious King, William, our noble King," but when Victoria came to the throne her name would not fit the metre, and so that is when the present version came into being.

How do you make sure that you are getting a juicy grapefruit when out shopping?

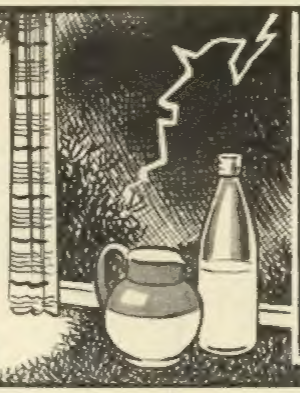
PICK up two or three and feel their weight. Choose the *heaviest* one. It will be the juiciest.

How many stars can we see?

NOT the hundreds of thousands that many people think. Of course, there are thousands of millions in the Milky Way alone, but without the aid of a telescope the number of stars that are visible to us is about 10,000 under ideal conditions.

These ideal conditions seldom occur particularly near towns or cities where the lower parts of the sky are blanketed with haze. This reduces the number of stars visible to the naked eye to between three and four thousand.

How can a thunderstorm turn milk sour?



MANY people think that vibrations from the actual thunder turn milk sour in a thunderstorm, but this is not so. In thundery weather the air is very warm and moist, and it is these conditions that cause the milk to curdle.

How can you remove a safety pin from a handkerchief without unclipping it?

Fig. 1.

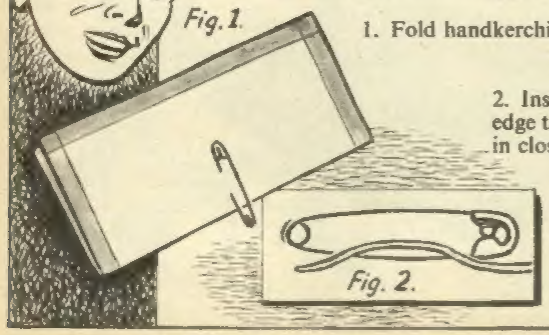


Fig. 2.

1. Fold handkerchief in half.

2. Insert safety pin as shown about ½ in. from edge taking in about 1 in. before fastening pin in closed position.

3. Twist handkerchief round with two complete turns of pin.

4. Hold end of pin firmly between thumb and first finger, pull sharply, and it should come out cleanly without coming undone.

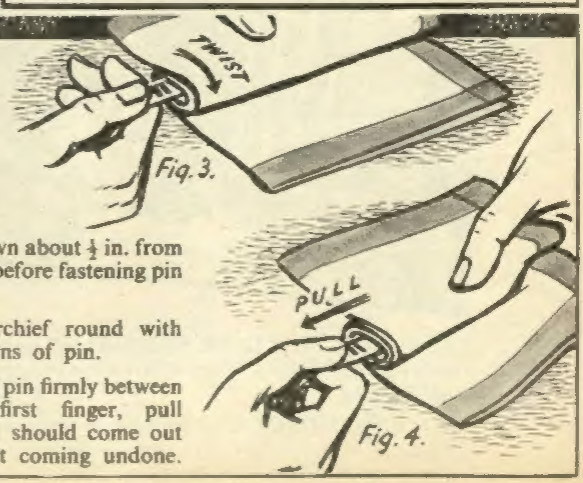


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

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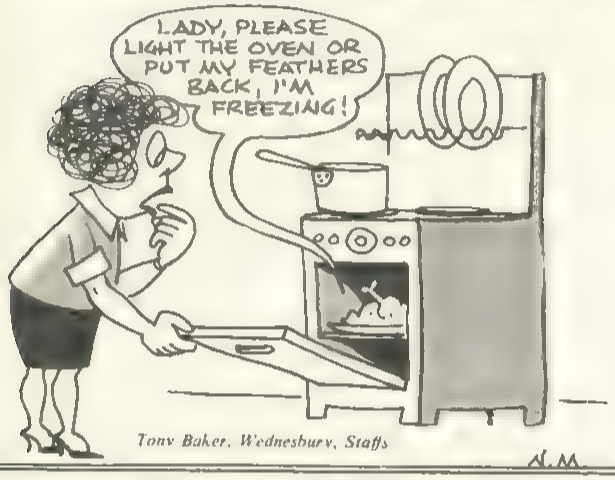

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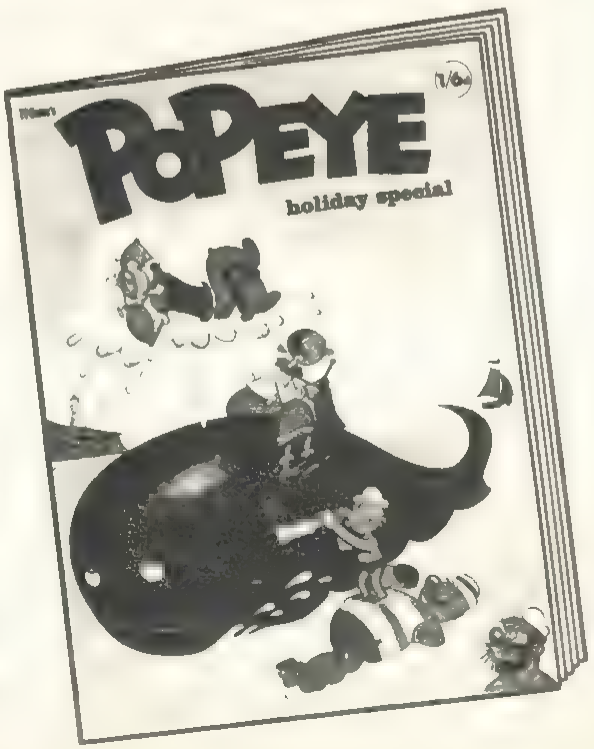

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Tivvy
PUFF! PANT! I'VE BOUGHT THE WEEK'S SHOPPING AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO CARRY!
I'VE BEEN GETTING THIN LATELY! I'D BETTER WEIGH MYSELF AND MAKE SURE I'M NOT WASTING AWAY!
WEIGH YOURSELF
I CAN'T PUT THIS LOT DOWN SO I'LL WEIGH MYSELF WITH THE LOAD AND THEN SUBTRACT THE WEIGHT OF THE SHOPPING!
WEIGH YOURSELF
MY WEIGHT WITH THE SHOPPING APPEARS TO BE 10 STONE!
NOW LET'S WORK IT OUT! THAT'S 10 STONE LESS 5lb. POTATOES... 3lb OF CARROTS!
...LESS A TUBE OF TOOTH PASTE WEIGHING THREE OUNCES AND A QUARTER OF TOFFEE COVERED MINT BON BONS!
SCHOOL
I'M BECOMING CONFUSED... I'LL ASK THESE CLEVER SCHOOL KIDS TO WORK OUT MY SUM!
I WONDER IF YOU CAN HELP ME WORK OUT A SUM! IF A MAN WEIGHS 10 STONE WITH A LOAD OF SHOPPING WHAT DOES HE WEIGH WITHOUT IT?
THAT DEPENDS ON THE WEIGHT OF THE SHOPPING!
I HAVE 5lb OF POTATOES, 3lb OF CARROTS PLUS 3 OUNCES OF TOOTH PASTE...
SO FAR THAT'S 8lb 3 OUNCES AWAY FROM 10 STONE...
PAY ATTENTION, BOYS! IF A MAN WEIGHS TEN STONE WITH 3 OUNCES OF TOOTH PASTE, 5lb. OF POTATOES, ETC... WE CAN WORK OUT WHAT HE WEIGHS WITHOUT IT...
IT'S ALL GETTING OUT OF HAND! I'M GOING MAD...
HOW MUCH DOES YOUR SHOPPING BAG WEIGH?...
OH, NO! THIS IS BECOMING STUPID! I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH I WEIGH NOW!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY WEIGHT WAS BUT ONE THING'S CERTAIN... I'VE LOST ANOTHER 3 STONE WORRYING ABOUT IT!
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DOCTOR

A PRIMITIVE tribe is convinced the Tardis is their idol and they have asked Dr. Who to protect them against enemy warriors who surround their village. The Doctor completes a clever defence system just before the savages launch an all-out attack . . .

OUR ENEMIES ARE ATTACKING! PREPARE YOURSELVES!
SPARE NOBODY...DEATH TO ALL!
TAKE NO PRISONERS! THE VILLAGE MUST BE TURNED INTO ASHES!

THE ENEMY IS PREPARED FOR US... LOOK OUT FOR MAN-TRAPS!
DON'T LOSE COURAGE! WE HAVE THEM WELL OUTNUMBERED!
AAH! THE SPIRITS ARE AGAINST US!
OUR ATTACK IS DOOMED!

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THERE'S NO ESCAPE... THE JAGUAR WILL PUT AN END TO US ALL!

MEANWHILE, OTHER PARTS OF THE DOCTOR'S DEFENCE SYSTEM ARE HAVING THEIR EFFECT...

WHO-O-O-O-O-SH

BANG

THE BATTLE IS RUNNING THE WAY I HAD HOPED... WE ARE GIVING AN EXCELLENT ACCOUNT OF OURSELVES!

REALISING THEY CANNOT PENETRATE THE DEADLY TRAPS, THE ATTACKERS RETREAT IN DISORDER...

FIZZ

BANG

WITHDRAW! WE CANNOT MATCH SUCH DEFENCE!

UH!

THE ENEMIES OF THE VILLAGERS SOON FLEE FROM THE AREA AND FRIENDLY WARRIORS SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE TO DR. WHO...

THE PEOPLE ARE CONVINCED THEIR NEW IDOL, THE TARDIS, HAS SAVED THEM...

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING US FROM CERTAIN DEATH!

A LITTLE LATER...

WE MUST RETURN TO THE CLOUDS NOW MY FRIENDS... YOU HAVE LEARNED TO PROTECT YOURSELVES, SEE THAT YOU DO!

THE IDOL IS RETURNING TO THE SPIRIT WORLD!

THEY ARE STEPPING BACK INTO THE IDOL!

WE MUST REMEMBER THE TEACHINGS OF THE GREAT ONES AND PROTECT OURSELVES FROM ENEMIES!

IN AN INSTANT THE TARDIS IS WHIRLING THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...

WITH ANOTHER ADVENTURE BEHIND US WE MUST WHIRL ON RELENTLESSLY TO OTHER WORLDS AND UNKNOWN FATES!

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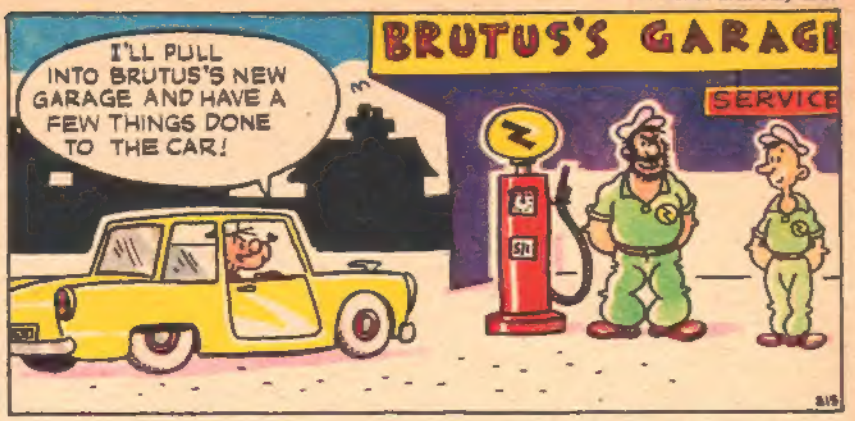

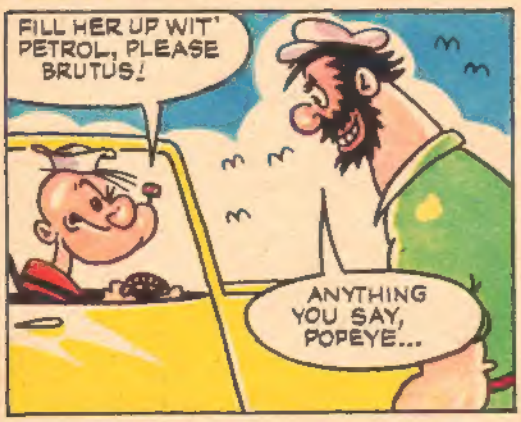

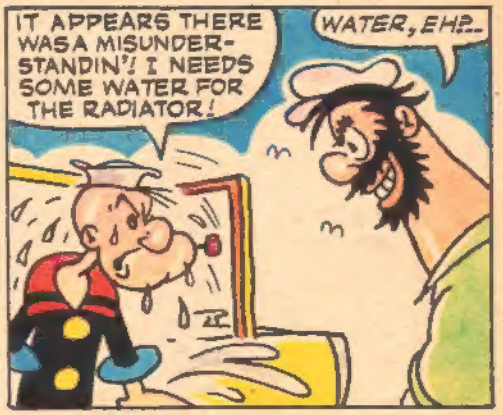

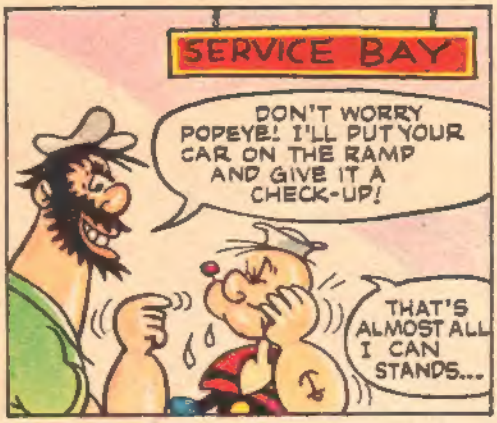

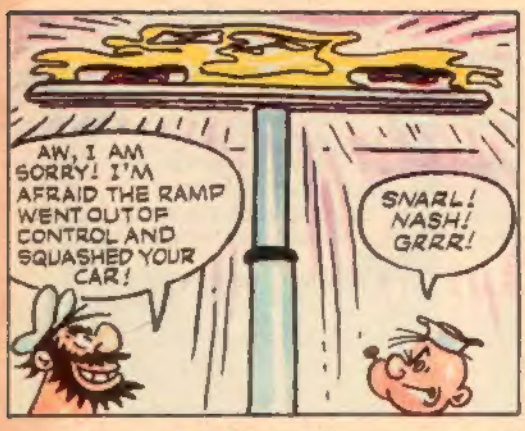

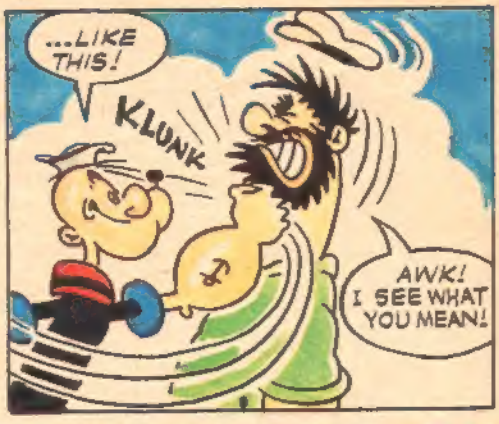

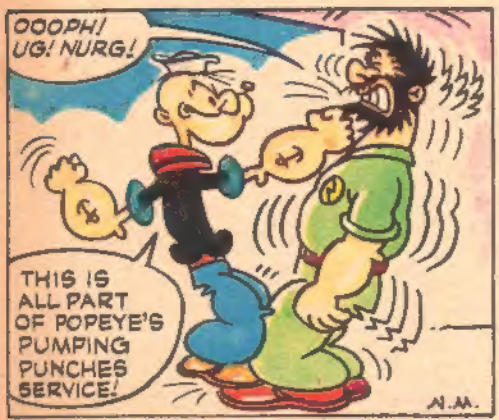

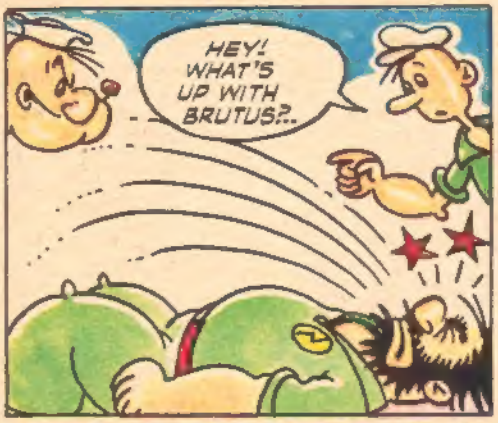

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